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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has got an accreditation from the Green Climate Fund to act as a channel to fight climate change in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether NABARD has submitted any proposal to Green Climate Fund for financial support for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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(a) & (b): National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has been accredited by Green Climate Fund (GCF) as National Implementing Entity (NIE) for undertaking Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation projects from India. NABARD is the only NIE in the country, at present, for undertaking Climate Change projects. The fund assistance will be in the form of concessional loan, grant and through other modalities, instrument or facilities as may be approved by the GCF Board.

(c) & (d): NABARD has informed that it has submitted a concept note on 'Mitigating Climate Change and Enhancing Adaptation for Farmers through Agro Forestry in Haryana', prepared by the Forest Department of Haryana Government. The Project envisages to lower ground water table (where there has been water logging on account of excess canal irrigation) and mitigate climate change by sequestering carbon dioxide from atmosphere and improve secondary salinization of soils thereby improving productivity of lands. The project envisages to cover an area of 30,000 ha under agro-forestry plantation of fast growing clonal eucalyptus species.

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